

when there were not too many opportunities to be had. Williams said that the amount of people who have come through Ball's businesses, then moved on to bigger and better things—as well as the employees who have stayed over the years—is a testament to Ball. "The students are doing better today than the teacher," said Ball, "and that's the way it should be in America."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 522, H.R. 5585, the Financial Netting Improvements Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

L.D. BELL HIGH SCHOOL'S BLUE
RAIDER MARCHING BAND
PLACES 2ND AT THE BANDS OF
AMERICA GRAND NATIONAL
COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior performance of the L.D. Bell High School's Blue Raider Marching Band of the 26th District of Texas. L.D. Bell placed second at the Bands of America Grand National Competition in Indianapolis.

The Grand Nationals Competition is considered to be the most elite marching band contest in the nation. L.D. Bell's Band of 300 students was also recognized with the National Outstanding Music Award. Earlier in the week, the band received second place at the rigorous UIL 5A State Marching Band Contest in San Antonio, Texas.

The Blue Raiders' achievements are the combined efforts of many extremely talented students, dedicated school administrators, the H-E-B School District, and a support network of parents and community. The students have excelled under the capable direction of Directors Jeremy Earnhart, Jolette Wine, Nick Thomas, Brandon Holt, and Wes Cartwright.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements of the L.D. Bell High School Blue Raider Marching Band. I extend my sincere congratulations to these hard-working students, and I look forward to their future successes.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK McCARTY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patrick McCarty on his retirement as Executive Director of the Michigan Community Action Program. Patrick will be honored at a dinner on November 30th in Livonia Michigan.

Patrick began his career with the UAW in 1973 at Ford Motor Company. After serving as

a bargaining committee representative for Local 723, Patrick was appointed by Stephen P. Yokich to be his plant's Quality Liaison Representative. During this time he was responsible for implementing the "Working Together for Quality Program" working with both management and employees at the Monroe, Michigan Ford Plant. In February 1992 his efforts were recognized and the Monroe Plant received the first National Recognition of Innovation, Support and Excellence Award for the "Customer Commitment Quality Team" created at the plant.

As a result of his leadership Stephen Yokich appointed Patrick as the Executive Director of the Michigan Community Action Program in 1995. In this capacity, Patrick was the head of the political and legislative arm in Michigan for the UAW. He has served in this position until his retirement.

Active in the Democratic Party, Patrick is an officer of the Michigan Democratic Party, a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, the 11th Congressional District Democratic Party, and a precinct delegate. He is also a lifetime member of the NAACP and the Detroit NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Patrick McCarty on his retirement from the UAW. I wish him, and his wife Dr. Rhonda Hennessy, the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

HONORING G. JESSE FLYNN

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Jesse Flynn, a public servant, businessman and citizen from my congressional district. Jesse is stepping down this month as President of the Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce after a year of exemplary service.

Raised in Anderson County, Jesse earned a college degree in business administration from Bellarmine College in 1971. Following service in the U.S. Army Medical Corp, Jesse formed Flynn Brothers Paving in 1973. Two decades later, Flynn Brothers Contracting, Inc. employs 250 personnel in the Greater Louisville area, generating strong annual revenues.

Jesse has distinguished himself as a business leader, serving as chairman at Flynn Brothers and as a board member of various organizations including the National and Kentucky Associated Builders & Contractors, de Paul School, First Citizens Bank in Elizabethtown and the Bullitt County Advisory Economic Advisory Board. His vast knowledge and strong work ethic led to his selection as Kentucky delegate to the White House Conference for Small Business during the early 1990's.

In addition to his many contributions to the business community, Jesse Flynn has remained actively involved in numerous community and charitable organizations. For his consistent generosity, Jesse was recently awarded the March of Dimes REACH Award and was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Kentucky Nurses Association. He was also selected to be a member of the U.S. International Cultural Center.

It is my great privilege to recognize Jesse Flynn today, before the entire U.S. House of

Representatives, for his leadership and service. His unique achievements make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

TRIBUTE TO JELKA JANKOVIC

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Jelka Jankovic on her 100th birthday, which she celebrated on November 25, 2006. Since her immigration to the United States over fifty years ago, Mrs. Jankovic has been a model citizen, contributing to her community and bringing joy to the lives of family members and friends.

Mrs. Jankovic married Janko N. Jankovic, a lawyer, on October 4, 1925 in Serbia. Their son, Miodrag, was born in 1926. For the first part of her married life, Mrs. Jankovic concentrated on raising her son and running her household. In 1942 her son joined the army to fight the Germans and later the Communists. Tragically, he was lost in the war. Meanwhile, her husband who was serving in the Royal Yugoslav Reserve Forces, was captured by the Germans and spent the war years in a POW camp in Germany. Mr. Jankovic immigrated to the United States in 1950 and settled in Washington, D.C. where Mrs. Jankovic joined him in 1953.

Mrs. Jankovic has been an active and productive member of her community for over fifty years. She has worked as a private tailor, a baker at a French restaurant, and a beautician at a local salon. After retiring, Mrs. Jankovic moved to Bethesda, Maryland where she is well-known and loved for her generosity and kindness.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Jankovic as she celebrates her 100th birthday and I wish her good health and happiness. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Jankovic.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAYWARD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, December 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Hayward Area Historical Society in Hayward, California. I rise to pay tribute to the Society's significant anniversary.

On an autumn night in 1956, 25 Hayward Area residents met at Bret Harte School to discuss a growing concern in the community. Amidst the progress and prosperity of the post World War II boom, the history of the area once known as Eden Township seemed to be missing from the cultural landscape.

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce Postwar Planning Committee first recommended the formation of a historical society in 1944. With so much happening at the conclusion of World War II and the community experiencing unprecedented growth in the following years,

no action was taken on the committee's suggestion. However, 10 years later, the City of Hayward celebrated its 80th birthday with great fanfare. Though the festivities were considered a success, the planners had encountered a huge problem identifying pioneer residents to ride in the city's anniversary parade. There was no established resource for gathering and providing information on Hayward's past.

The Community Services Committee of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, chaired by Allen Strutz, decided to take matters into their hands and took steps to begin saving Hayward history. Soon, the Hayward Area Historical Society, HAHS, was born.

The first official election of officers was scheduled for the night of December 6, 1956. Volunteers immediately began gathering members and asking pioneer families to fill out historical questionnaires. Those documents became the foundation for HAHS's extensive archives.

During the ceremony to sign the Society's charter, which took place at the historic Eden Congregational Church, the Society proclaimed its intent to "discover, preserve and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Hayward Area." Among the first artifacts to be donated was a pencil drawing of Mission Dolores and a copy of the Hayward Journal from 1894.

HAHS has reached a number of benchmarks in growth and prosperity over the last fifty years. It has published numerous books, an "Adobe Trails" member newsletter, established a museum, a research library, and has amassed a collection of thousands of historical artifacts, self-produced exhibitions and has been a partner in restoring historical property in Hayward.

As the Hayward Area Historical Society continues its progress, I join the community in wishing them a very happy 50th birthday and continued success.

TRIBUTE TO QUEENIE MARY WOOTEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Queenie Mary Wooten, a distinguished public servant and citizen of Brooklyn, New York. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding woman and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive service to community.

In 1974, Queenie Mary Wooten received her Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Medgar Evers College. She took additional courses, which enhanced her long and remarkable career in education. Currently, Ms. Wooten is the Coordinator of External Community Programs for Region #5. In addition to networking with East New York and Brownsville city agencies, she serves on the cabinets of Planning Boards #5 and #16.

Ms. Wooten is developing innovative and creative external programs to improve educational and developmental outcomes for students. She coordinates activities with the external community and assists the director with setting priorities and selecting high quality col-

laborative programs. Ms. Wooten mobilizes resources for regional and school priorities, collaborates with schools in Region #5 to create inter-agency regional advisory councils, and volunteers on Planning Board #5, working with the committee on education. Additionally, she works diligently with students to help them get credit for community services.

Ms. Wooten is one of the founders of the American College of Counselors, for the New York Branch, and was recently honored by the Department of Education for 41 years of service. She has received numerous honors and awards for her work, including: an award from Medgar Evers College as one of its first graduates; the Brooklyn Club of the Negro Business & Professional Women's Club Sojourner Truth Award; and the Van Siclen Block Association Education Award. Ms. Wooten has been honored by organizations such as the Women's League of Science and Medicine, Inc., National Sickle Cell Research and the Latin Souls Little League Baseball.

A very active member of her community, Ms. Wooten serves on numerous boards and is the Chair of the North East Committee of Elections. Ms. Wooten has been a faithful member of Grace Baptist Church for the past 35 years. One of 10 children of the late James and Estella Hunt Corey, Ms. Wooten has encountered many challenges during her life and has embraced them all with courage and dignity.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Queenie Mary Wooten. Her deep commitment to her community makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING FEDERAL JUDGE PAUL BROWN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to one of the outstanding Federal judges in our Nation, U.S. District Judge Paul Brown, who is retiring after 21 years of distinguished service on the bench in the Eastern District of Texas. Judge Brown has been my good friend for many years, and he is a respected and beloved judge and member of the community in Sherman, Texas.

Judge Brown represents the finest qualities of jurisprudence. Hanging on his wall in the Sherman Federal Courthouse are Socrates' four qualities for a good judge—to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially. Judge Brown embodied all of these qualities, and he dispensed justice accordingly. He was highly regarded, well-respected, and was a role model for many.

Paul Brown was the youngest of a family of six raised on a farm near Pottsboro, TX. He graduated from Denison High School and although underage, he got his parents' consent to join the U.S. Navy when World War II broke out. He served as a minesweeper in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters and as a part of the occupation forces in Japan. He was discharged as an Electrician's Mate 2nd Class in June 1946.

He returned to his studies and received a law degree in 1950 from the University of

Texas before being recalled to active duty in the Korean war. He saw combat aboard a minesweeper which was sunk by mines, and he received an honorable discharge in December 1951.

Judge Brown began his practice of law following the war and following President Dwight Eisenhower's election, he went to work as an assistant U.S. Attorney in Texarkana under U.S. Attorney William Steger, who would become his mentor, good friend, and fellow colleague on the bench in the Eastern District until Judge Steger's passing this year. He served as Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1953 to 1959, then followed in Judge Steger's footsteps as U.S. District Attorney from 1959 to 1961.

While in Texarkana, Judge met and married Frances Morehead, and the two returned home to Sherman, where Judge Brown practiced law for a number of years. In 1985 Senator Phil Graham recommended him to President Ronald Reagan for a new judge's position created for the Eastern District of Texas, and Judge was confirmed that year. He held court in Beaumont, Paris, Sherman, and Texarkana, and as the caseload in the Sherman grew, he eventually presided over the Sherman courthouse exclusively.

Premiere cases over the years included intellectual property, patent cases, and criminal cases precipitated by the bank and savings and loan failures of the 1980s and 1990s. In recent years he noted the increase in drug cases and expressed his regret that, in spite of all the efforts that have been made to prosecute drug dealers, the Nation is not making much progress in curtailing the use of drugs. No matter what type of cases came before him, Judge Brown always enjoyed the work and ran an efficient and orderly courtroom. His personal work ethic and judicial integrity have been remarkable, and his reputation for punctuality has been legendary.

At his retirement reception, hundreds of local attorneys, area judges and friends and family paid tribute to Judge Brown. The Eastern District Chief Judge, Thad Heartfield, speaking for the 15 judges on their court, has recommended that Congress name the U.S. District Courthouse in Sherman the "Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse." Judge Heartfield noted that Judge Brown has demonstrated the finest qualities of a U.S. district judge: knowledge of the law, courtesy, patience, wisdom and compassion. It will be my pleasure to introduce legislation to that end.

As we near adjournment of the 109th Congress, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of a great American, outstanding public servant, and respected jurist, the Honorable Paul Brown, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BONNIE SCHOFIELD

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Bonnie Schofield for her dedication to the community and families she served.

Bonnie has been serving 22 families in Hiko, NV, as a postmaster relief since 1973, 6